

**MINUTES OF CALEDONIA TOWNSHIP, ALCONA COUNTY, PLANNING COMMISSION**  
**June 6, 2011**

Meeting called to order by Chairman Vichunas at 7:00 p.m. at the Caledonia Township Hall, Spruce, Michigan.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Present: Hahn, Preston, Scott, Vichunas, Waldeck and Williams  
Absent: Freigruber  
Guest: G. Grove

**MOTION** by Waldeck to approve the **AGENDA** as provided by email; **SUPPORT** by Preston; Motion carried.

**MOTION** by Preston to approve the May 2, 2011, **MINUTES** as provided by email; **SUPPORT** by Scott; Motion carried.

**CITIZENS COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS CONCERNING ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA:**

Gary Grove noted that when activities at the Township Hall are held in the evening, the outside lighting is very poor, especially where the cement bumpers are located.

**REPORTS:**

**Zoning Board of Appeals** – No report.

**Board of Trustees** -- Scott provided items of interest from the Board of Trustee's Meeting of May 11, 2011, as published in the **ALCONA COUNTY REVIEW** on May 18, 2011.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**Zoning Ordinance Book Revisions** – Members reviewed and discussed pages 1 thru 15 of the draft ZO Book Revision and will review pages 35 to 65.

**Proposed Condominium Ordinance** – Due to Freigruber's absence, review of the April 19, 2011 draft was tabled.

**Proposed Medical Marijuana Dispensaries Draft Ordinance** – The June 5<sup>th</sup> draft was reviewed. **MOTION** by Scott to send to the Board of Trustees for review and possible approval. If the Board approves the proposed ordinance, the PC requests authorization to insert this proposed Ordinance in the Zoning Ordinance revision; **SUPPORT** by Waldeck; Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Right to Farm Act – MOTION** by Preston to invite the Zoning Administrator, Nancy Beck, to attend the July 11th PC meeting and provide clarification on the Right to Farm Act; **SUPPORT** by Hahn; Motion carried.

**Nursing Home and Assisted Living Facilities** – Waldeck stated her research revealed that Township Ordinances specific to Nursing Homes and Assisted Living Facilities are non-existent and generally considered a Use by Right or a Special Land Use in certain zoning districts. It was agreed to not pursue this topic any further.

**Master Plan Review** – To be addressed at the next Tri-Township Planning Commission Meeting on June 23<sup>rd</sup>. Will also keep this item on the Planning Commission Agenda to address after the Zoning Ordinance Revision has been completed.

**Planning and Zoning Essentials Handbooks** were given to Waldeck, Scott, Williams, Ott, and Hubbard. Freigruber has not yet received his copy.

**Public Comment** -- None.

**Next Planning Commission Meeting – July 11, 2011.**

**Next Tri-Township Planning Commission Meeting -- June 23, 2011** at 7:00 p.m., hosted by Caledonia Township. Vichunas will poll members of Hawes and Alcona Townships to change the meeting date to Wednesday, June 22nd, and will confirm via email of the decision.

**MOTION** by Preston to adjourn at 9:11 p.m.; **SUPPORT** by Scott; Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jane Waldeck, Secretary